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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT JANUARY 20

REF: ALEXANDRIA 0066

1. ALEXANDRIA DEMONSTRATIONS TAPERED OFF DURING  
DAY OF JANUARY 19 AND CURFEW SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN OBSERVED  
WITHOUT NOTICEABLE INCIDENT (CONFIRMED AFTER DRAFTING BY LOCAL  
SECURITY OFFICER).

2. MORNING OF JANUARY 20 HAS SEEN FURTHER NORMALIZATION WITH  
BUSES AND TRAMS AGAIN OPERATING ON MOST ROUTES EXCEPT TAHRIR  
SQUARE TERMINUS. AT TAHRIR SQUARE IS CITY'S MOST VISIBLE SHOW  
OF FORCE. HELMETED AND ARMED SAILORS WERE PATROLLING WITH  
POLICE STRIKE FORCE PERSONNEL AND TWO TRUCK LOADS OF MEN  
WEARING CAMOUFLAGE JUMPSUITS AT NORTH END OF SQUARE.

3. IN ADDITION TO MAJOR DAMAGE EARLIER REPORTED, PREMISES OF  
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RECENTLY OPENED INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR CREDIT AND COMMERCE  
(ACROSS STREET FROM DESTROYED ARAB SOCIALIST UNION OFFICES) HAVE  
BEEN SACKED AND BURNED. BANK OF AMERICA BOLDS 30 PER CENT INTEREST  
IN THIS WITH KUWAITI INVESTORS HOLDING REMAINDER.

4. EIGHT-STORY HEADQUARTERS OF EGYPTIAN NAVIGATION COMPANY  
(MAJOR GOVERNMENT SHIPPING ORGANIZATION) OPPOSITE MAIN GATE TO

PORT, ONE OF ALEXANDRIA'S NEWEST OFFICE BUILDINGS, IS SEVERELY DAMAGED. LOWER THREE OR FOUR FLOORS APPEAR COMPLETELY BURNED OUT.

5. IN ADDITION TO POLICE POSTS AND SOME POLICE STATIONS, BRANCH POST OFFICES SEEMED FAVORITE MOB TARGET, HAVING BEEN SMASHED AND IN MANY CASES BURNED IN DISTRICTS OTHERWISE UNTOUCHED.

6. SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER LATE YESTERDAY CONFIRMED IN ESSENCE CASUALTY FIGURES REPORTED IN ALEXANDRIA 0066 (ABOUT 100 INJURED) BUT SAID RUMOR IN CITY THAT SIX POLICE DIED IN ATTACK ON SHERIF DISTRICT POLICE STATION WAS INACCURATE, DEATHS WERE "ON OTHER SIDE", I.E. DEMONSTRATORS. TODAY HE SAID HE IS NOT ALLOWED TO GIVE FIGURES, BUT QUIET NIGHT AND MORNING MEANT LITTLE CHANGE IN TOTALS.

7. NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF DAMAGE TO "ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD" ARE CONFUSING AND CONTRADICTIONARY. IF ANY DID OCCUR, IT WAS PROBABLY IN SMALL "ARSENAL" YARD, NOT LARGE QABBARI YARD, AND NOT SUBSTANTIAL IN EXTENT.

8. AT MID-MORNING ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF DOWNTOWN STORES REMAINED SHUT, BUT CLEANUP WORK WAS BEGINNING ON MANY DAMAGED ONES.

9. PORT OF ALEXANDRIA SEEMS TO BE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY, INCLUDING GRAIN PIERS WHERE PL-480 SHIPMENTS ARE UNLOADING. SECURITY INSIDE PORT IS GREATLY STRENGTHENED WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED ARMED SAILORS, MILITARY POLICE AND POLICE STRIKE FORCES ADDED TO USUAL GUARDS.

10. AS OF MIDDAY JAN 20, NO RPT NO AMCIT CASUALTIES OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPERTY LOSS KNOWN TO CONGEN.

11. MOOD OF ALEXANDRIAN WORKERS IS RELIEF AT GOVERNMENTAL TURNAROUND ON PRICES, RELIEF AT RETURN TO NORMAL ("IT WAS ONLY THE COMMUNISTS STURRING UP TROUBLE") AND A LARGE MEASURE OF "WAIT AND SEE". MAMDOUH SALEM, WHO HAS NEVER BEEN VERY POPULAR WITH ALEXANDRIANS, MANY OF WHOM MISTRUST HIS POLICE BACKGROUND, HAS LOST EVEN MORE GROUND. HE IS BEING BLAMED BY WORKERS AND INTELLECTUALS ALIKE FOR MISHANDLING THE SITUATION. WORKERS BLAME HIM FOR INSTITUTING "IMPOSSIBLE" PRICE INCREASES IN THE FIRST PLACE. OTHERS WHO ARE CONCERNED AT EGYPT'S ECONOMIC PLIGHT AND CAN UNDERSTAND, IF ONLY RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT, NECESSITY FOR PUTTING ECONOMIC HOUSE IN ORDER AND MAKING SACRIFICES, BLAME HIM FOR INEPT HANDLING OF DECISION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRICE INCREASES. THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY SADAT WILL HAVE TO DUMP SALEM, AS SCAPEGOAT IF FOR NO OTHER REASON.  
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